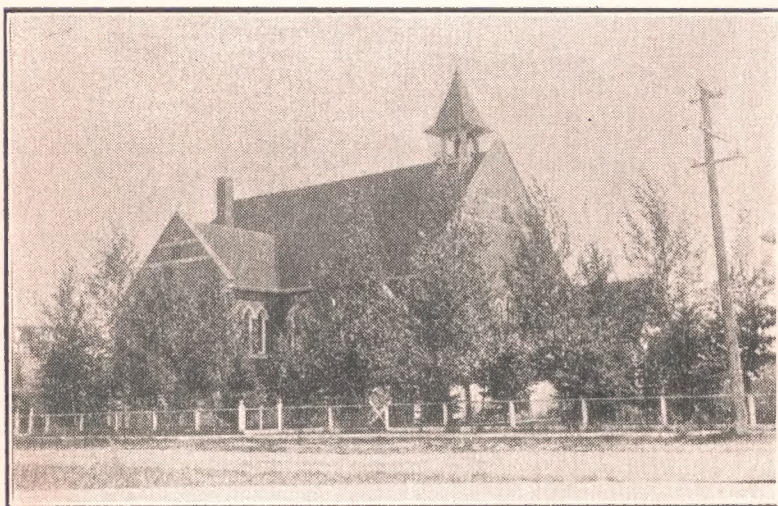


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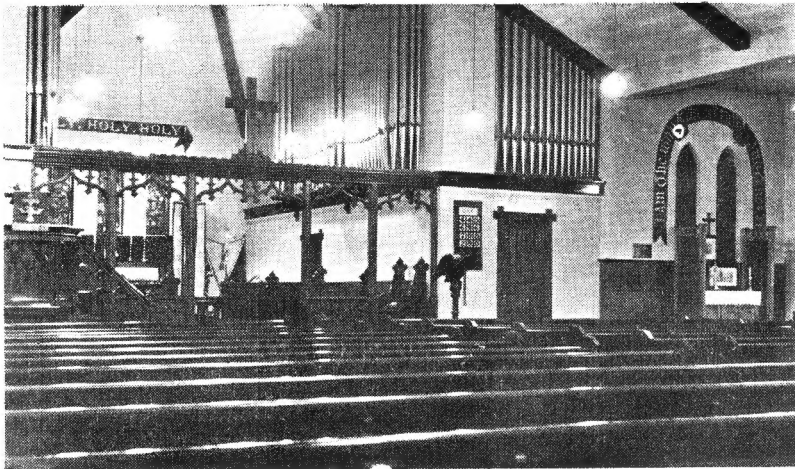
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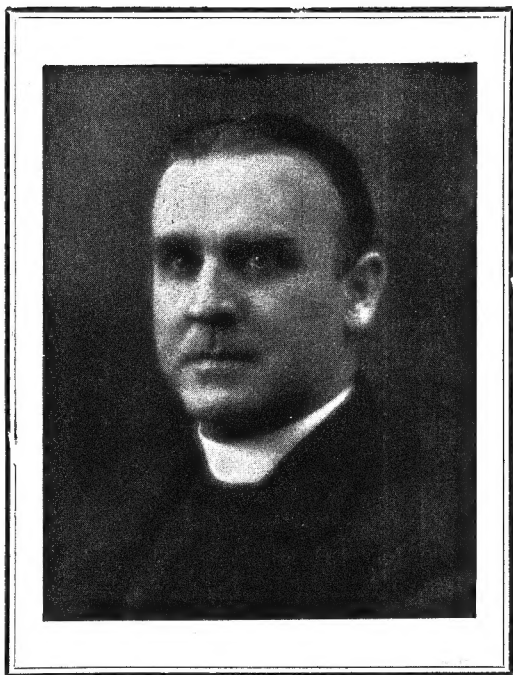
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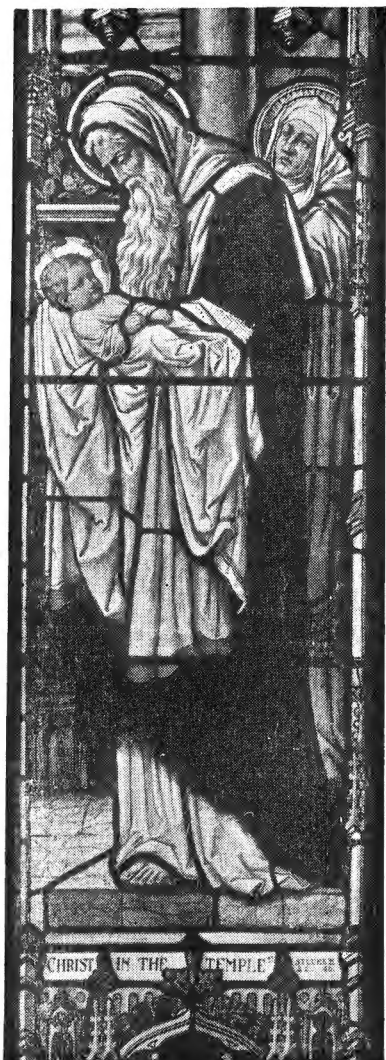
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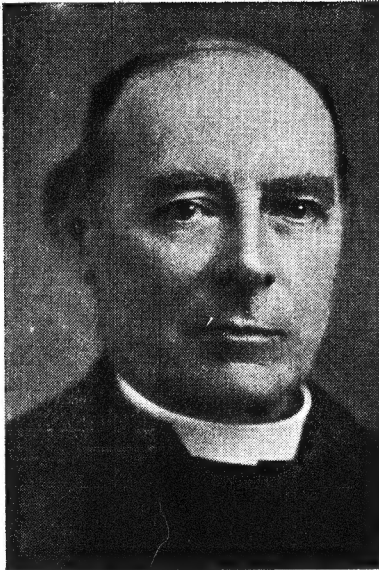
It is a pleasant duty indeed to send this word of greeting for the Souvenir Booklet of St. John's. Few Churches in the Diocese seem to have been more closely bound up with our corporate life from the days of Dean Paget onwards. And within the City of Calgary it has a distinct geographical place and influence; for East Calgary seems to have a more well-defined community life than any other section of the City. So there can be no doubt that St. John's has a very real mission and vocation. It's history is something to be proud of. May its future be even more luminous than its past.

L. R. Sherman

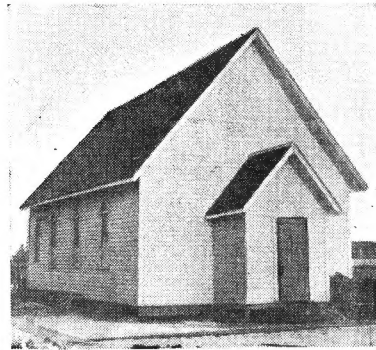


Dean Paget Memorial Windows

In the minds and hearts of so many people in Calgary, Dean Paget is still a living memory, and when they speak of "The Old Dean" there is a great warmth of affection in their voices and in their hearts. No tangible memorial can possibly do justice to the great work of development which he accomplished for the Church in Calgary, nor to the place in which he is held in the memory of all who knew and loved him. But that his name and work may be suitably remembered in this, the first of many parishes which his pioneering zeal established as daughters of the Mother Church of the Redeemer; and that the eternal gratitude of this Parish to its founder and great benefactor may be commemorated to future generations, the early installation and dedication of these beautiful windows has been approved. For some time the "Dean Paget Memorial Fund" has been in existence and opportunity is now being afforded parishioners and friends of the late-beloved Dean to complete this Fund and so to share in the setting up of such a desired and deserved Memorial.



The Very Rev. E. C. Paget, D.D.
First Dean of Calgary



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In 1900 the Rev. E. C. Paget, later known and beloved as Dean Paget, began, at the Church of the Redeemer, Calgary, his long incumbency, which was destined to be terminated only by his death late in March, 1927. Soon after the turn of the century, it became apparent that, in a community growing as fast as Calgary, one Church of England Parish would not suffice. This proved to be the case, and Dean Paget, with true apostolic zeal, set out to meet the increasing need. Settlement began to develop westwards, and it was found advisable to divide the city,—the centre and newer districts to be the responsibility of the Mother Church, and the old original Calgary site in the east to be looked after by the creation of the first daughter Parish. Having purchased from A. E. Cross, Esq., four lots (35, 36, 37, 38, block 12, plan A-3, Calgary) situated on what is now the corner of Ninth Avenue and Twelfth Street East, the first Church, a frame building, was the very generous gift of the Dean, who conducted the first Service therein on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, 1905.

Thus was a Mission established in East Calgary, to be administered by the Dean and his Curates at the Church of the Redeemer for the next two and a half years. One Service only on each Sunday was held at first, but a Sunday School every week looked after the small children in this part of the city. Appearing in the Parish Register, the names of those who assisted the Dean by conducting Services during those first years are: Archdeacon W. F. Webb, Canon G. H. Hoggbin, L. Kendall, J. H. Williams, W. Patterson, and with increasing frequency, Geo. A. Ray. During the summer of 1905 no Services were held, owing to Dean Paget's absence in England, but on September 30th work was resumed and continued without intermission until the present day.

In 1907 events moved rapidly for this Mission in East Calgary. On August 23rd the Right Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., the first Bishop of Calgary, issued title deeds for the new Parish of St. John the Evangelist. On August 28th, with due legal notice, the first Parishioner's meeting was held, with the incumbent-elect, the Rev. Geo. A. Ray, in the chair. Mr. Ray, at that meeting, appointed Mr. Thos.

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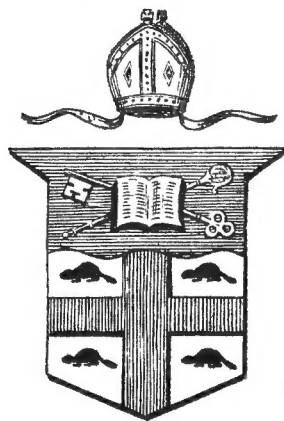
Bellew Rector's Warden, and Mr. Vincent W. Dooley was elected the first People's Warden. The first Vestry, then elected, consisted of: Messrs. H. W. Walmsley, R. Suitor, E. Doughty, G. H. Wait and Geo. Harris. Mr. Suitor, at that meeting, reported "progress in the building of the house for the clergyman which had been begun while the Parish was still a Mission," and which, incidentally, is still in use today. A motion was then passed "that the Parish purchase the land site from the Synod at the original cost of \$350.00." This historic meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the members of the W.A. for their services in building up the congregation.

The Rev. Geo. A. Ray, M.A., was inducted as Rector of the Parish at Evensong on Wednesday, August 28th, 1907. It is worthy of note that the new Rector donated his first Christmas Offering, \$25.00, the congregation's gift to himself, to the Fund for the purchase of the Church Lots. Early in 1908 he married Margaret Gray from Toronto and they took up residence in the new Rectory. The following is an extract from the Rector's first report presented to the Annual Parishioners' Meeting on April 21st, 1908: "During the year Junior and Senior Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew have been organized, together with a Junior Branch of the W.A., all of which are justifying their existence. We have again special reason to be grateful to the W.A. for their assistance in many ways. . . . Much has been done by private effort to make the Church accessories such as befit the service of God. Among these may be mentioned the generous gifts of Mesdames Pearce and Cross, Miss Elsie Currie, Miss Hood, Mr. Bellew, and Dean Paget."

On Easter Day, 1909, there were 62 communicants, with an offering of \$42.75, and the following note: "Laus Deo! Most splendid day in history of Church." On July 25th, 1910, Mr. Ray forwarded his resignation to the Bishop and conducted his last Services in St. John's on August 28th, three years to the day since his Induction! From St. John's he went as Assistant to Holy Trinity, New Westminster, B.C., later to be appointed Rector of St. Mary's in the same city. He left there in 1916 to become Rector of St. Mary's, in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, later going to St. Ambrose Parish, Chicago Heights, Illinois, where he resides today. Across the miles and across the years that separate, St. John's sends greetings to "our first Rector."

Diocese of Calgary Fiftieth Anniversary

St. John's joins this year with other members of the Diocesan Family in the joyous celebrations which mark our Golden Jubilee. In 1883 the Pioneer Missionary, Archdeacon J. W. Tims, arrived from England to take up residence on the Blackfoot Reserve, just as the C.P.R. in its transcontinental march had reached the little village of Cluny. Only five years later the Diocese of Calgary was separated from the parent body of the Diocese of Saskatchewan whose Bishop, the Rt. Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., became the first Bishop of Calgary. In 1927 the Very Rev. L. R. Sherman, D.D., Dean of Quebec, was consecrated the second Bishop of Calgary. In 1938, under his vigorous leadership and in conjunction with a Diocesan Synod and a W.A. Diocesan Annual; at two great family gatherings, a Banquet of informal inspiration on February 15th, and an Anniversary Service of more formal inspiration on February 16th, we span the first fifty years of our Diocesan Life; we salute the Past, we greet the Present, and we take courage to "go forth to meet the shadowy Future without fear and with a manly heart."



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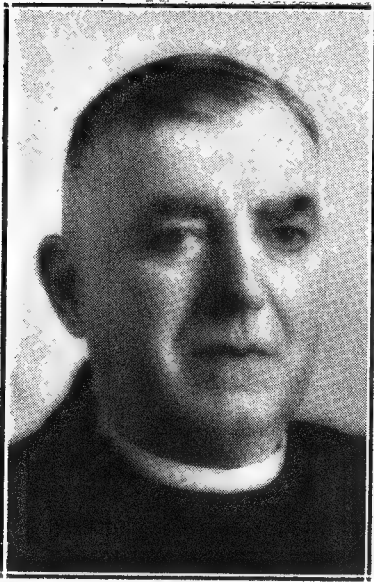
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Gervaise Edward Gale was educated for the Ministry at St. John's College, Winnipeg, ordained Deacon in 1901 by the Archbishop of Rupertsland for work in the Diocese of Calgary, and ordained Priest in 1903 by the Bishop of Calgary. From 1901 to 1904, Mr. Gale served first as Curate, later as Incumbent of the Parish of St. Philip and St. James, Pine Creek, together with St. Paul's, Fish Creek. The years 1904-10 he spent as C.M.S. Missionary on the Blood Reserve, the last three years of which period he acted as Rural Dean of East Macleod.

In the Fall of 1910, having accepted a call to St. John's, Mr. Gale, with his wife and family of six boys, took up residence in the Parish, and he conducted his first Services on October 2nd. Within a year the present beautiful Church was erected and ready for dedication by the Right Rev. C. Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Calgary, on October 1st, 1911. In 1914, Mr. Gale was singularly honoured by appointment as Honourary Canon in the Diocese, assuming thereby the name by which he is so widely remembered and respected today. In 1925 he was appointed Rural Dean of Calgary, and acted as such until 1934.

Through year after year of faithful labour, this devoted servant of the Master continued to shepherd the souls in his charge until Easter, 1935. At that time, having accepted an appointment as Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin in the Old Country, he left with Mrs. Gale and their only daughter to reside at Beeston Rectory, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England.

St. John's stands today a living monument to the life and work in East Calgary of the Reverend Canon G. E. Gale.

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At a Vestry Meeting on September 19th and at a Parishioners' Meeting on September 21st, 1910, the appointment of the Rev. G. E. Gale to succeed Mr. Ray as Rector was gladly and unanimously approved. On October 2nd, Mr. Gale held his first Services in St John's, assisted by Mr. Eccles, Lay-reader, who had conducted Services during the interim since Mr. Ray's last Sunday, August 28th. The City of Calgary was experiencing that winter one of its famous and periodic "pioneer booms." The old St. John's rapidly became too small to accommodate the fast-growing congregation. Through the winter of 1910-11 the remark in the Service Register, "splendid congregation", appears quite frequently. On November 2nd, 1910, the old Church site was sold to Dr. G. H. Blow and Mr. Nunns for \$24,000.00, \$10,000.00 at time of sale and balance bearing 7 per cent interest. This transaction was finally cleared up in 1924. Much credit is due to the various Wardens through those years, and particularly to Mr. Carson Bradley, for their efforts, so long sustained, to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion. On November 2nd, 1910, lots 31, 32, 33 and 34, block 12, plan A-3 were purchased for the new Church site from Messrs. W. Stuart and F. W. Jones at a cost of \$1,250.00 per lot. A week later, on November 9th, two further lots (29 and 30) adjoining were secured at the same prices per lot from W. J. S. Walker, Esq.

In the spring of 1911 the construction of the new Church began; the old Church and Rectory were moved to the new site, and feverish activity, destined to complete the new property by the fall, marked the summer months of that year. The new Church, impressive beyond words to express, was dedicated by the late Bishop

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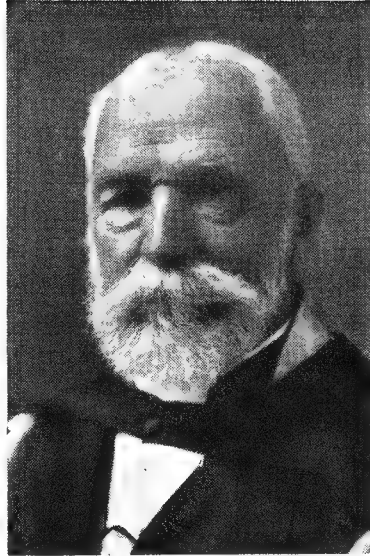
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Pinkham on the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 1st, 1911. The remarks in the Service Register state: Sept. 24th—"Last Service in old St. John's. Largest congregation on record." Oct. 1st. "First Service in new St. John's. Excellent congregations for Dedicatory Services." Canon Dewdney assisted in the morning, and Canon Hogbin preached at the evening Service. Thus, with a new Rector, new vision, and a great new achievement, was a new era in the life of the Parish so well begun



The Rt. Rev. W. C. Pinkham, D.D.
First Bishop of Calgary

The appearance of the new Church was immediately improved by the donation in October, 1911, of many gifts. These, with the addition of all those given through the years, and the many memorials are listed on another page in this book. To the donors, our gratitude, in no small measure, is due, in that they have contributed largely to the inexpressible beauty of the Church as it stands today. Time and time again one hears people—strangers in our midst, visitors to our services, and those who have entered this building for one reason or another—involuntarily exclaim, "What a beautiful little Church!" or, with studied earnestness, tell us that they think St. John's is the most beautiful Church in Calgary. The Building possesses a richness and quiet beauty of atmosphere, combined with dignity and solemn reverence which cannot be denied. I am sure some of those who planned the Church "built better than they knew," for it is the kind of building the impressive appearance of which can only be enhanced with Age.

"Others have laboured and ye have entered into their labours."

To Canon Gale, who began his Ministry with this first great and abiding work, and all but completed twenty-five years of loving labour here, the Parish is indebted immeasurably. As long as this building stands his name should be, and, I am sure, will be, remembered in St. John's with praise and gratitude.

And there are those others, so many of whom are with us to day, in the hearts and minds of whom the inspiration, expressed in the beautiful fabric of this building, is to be found—the Church members whose generous loyalty and faithfulness made it, not possible, for we do not speak in terms of dollars and cents, but, if you like, justifiable. Because of them and of all those gone before, a glad day of thanksgiving was made possible when the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church was held on October 4th, 1936.

There follows a copy of the card which that day was distributed. To the list of Wardens we have added the names of those who served prior to 1911. Thank God for the devoted effort of these men who, through glad days and sad days, through years of prosperity and adversity alike, have guided the Parish in all its business life so faithfully and well. The remarkable record of one man, Mr. G. H. Wait, who was elected to the first Vestry of St. John's in 1907, and, today, serves as Rector's Warden, should certainly be mentioned. In many capacities and innumerable ways he has made his inestimable contribution whilst his record of service, almost without interruption, spans the life of this thirty-one-year-old Parish. Others who served for long terms and to whom we are greatly indebted are: Mr. Carson Bradley; J. H. Jackson and Wm. J. Steel, whose terms of office ran almost concurrently; and Mr. Wm. McIntosh, whose work was made so difficult, covering as it did the years of economic depression. To these and to all the others we express deep appreciation

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August 23, 1907:

Title deeds for Parish issued. First Rector, The Rev. Geo. A. Ray, M.A., inducted at Evensong, Wednesday, August 28th, 1907.

TRINITY, XIX

October 2, 1910

First Services by The Rev. G. E. Gale, L.Th., as Rector.

Trinity XVI.

October 1, 1911

Present Church dedicated by His Lordship The Bishop of Calgary, The Rt. Rev. C. Pinkham, D.D.

April 21, 1935

Easter Day

Last Services by The Rev. Canon G. E. Gale, L.Th., as Rector.

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People's

Vincent W. Dooley
1907-July, '09
G. H. Wait Aug. 1909-'13
J. A. Wilson 1914-16
Magnus Brown 1917-18
Carson Bradley 1919-23
E. D. Battrum 1924-5
Wm. J. Steel 1925-'29
W. McIntosh 1930-'36
M. Turner 1937-8

Rector's

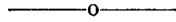
Thos. Bellew 1907-'8
E. Doughty 1909-'12
E. B. Fewkes 1913-'14
R. Suitor 1915
R. Fletcher 1916
J. C. Fewkes 1917-'18
E. B. Fewkes 1919
J. J. Lucas 1920
H. Whitaker 1921-'22
H. Hilling 1923-'24
S. C. Graham 1924-'25
J. H. Jackson 1925-'30
G. H. Wait 1931-'34
E. J. Dean 1935-'36
G. H. Wait 1937
H. Hilling 1938

At all Services that day those who had attended the Dedicatory Services twenty-five years before were invited to sign their names in the Service Register. The following signatures are found therein, showing a surprising number whose "connection" with the Parish spanned a quarter of a century. Those marked with an asterisk are still, today, active members of St. John's:

G. H. Wait*	Lillian Sims Lewis	(Mrs.) W. E. Haley*
(Mrs.) E. A. Wait*	Francis Sims	(Mrs.) F. Cuthiel (nee
F. B. Cooper (organist)	(Mrs.) Ann Jackson	Laughton)*
(Mrs.) Eileen E. Fagget-	R. W. Fletcher*	(Mrs.) E. M. Duthie (nee
ter* (choir, 1910-1938)	Carson Bradley	Tombe)*
Charles Ashton*	(Mrs.) R. E. Bradley	(Mrs.) Elizabeth Millen
Jack Booth	T. E. Hughes	James Millen
J. C. Fewkes	(Mrs.) A. M. Suitor	

Among those not present that day whose connection with the Parish goes back that far and farther we find: Mrs. A. E. Cross, Miss J. Fletcher, Mrs. P. Barton, Miss F. M. Greer, Mrs. Wm. Pearce, Mr. E. Beadle and Mrs. J. Nicholson.

Gifts Presented to St. John's Church Through the Years



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Cross on the Chapel Altar and Two Pair of Brass Vases -Mrs. William Pearce, 1906.

Communion Burse and Veil (white and violet)—Mrs. A. E. Cross, 1907.

Paten—The Bible Class of the Rev. Geo. A. Ray, 1907.

East Windows—Carson and Elizabeth Bradley, October, 1911.

Book Desk on the High Altar -Mrs. Magnus Brown, October, 1911.

Church Bell in Steeple—Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Brown, October, 1911.

Alms Basin—George Harvey and Emma Alexander Wait, October, 1911.

Silver Cruets and Wafer Box—Junior W.A., 1911.

Litany Book, Lecturn Bible, Clergy's Desk Prayer Book and Altar Book —
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher, October, 1911.

Altar Hangings (green)—Mrs. Margaret Louise Harvey, October, 1911.

Pair of Brass Vases—Mrs. Eliza Williams, October, 1911.

Baptismal Font—Woman's Auxiliary, October, 1911.

Text above East Windows—William Dalton Buck, 1911.

Altar Cloth—Mrs. T. R. Copp, October, 1911.

Brass Rods for Altar Hangings—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hughes, October, 1911.

Altar Hangings (red)—Mrs. Elizabeth Watson Millen, 1923.

Pair of Brass Vases—Mrs. Elizabeth Watson Millen, 1925.

Altar Cloth—Mrs. Victor Robin.

Book Desk on Chapel Altar—Mrs. Wm. Lord, nee Annie May Williams, 1925.

Pictures in Chapel—Miss Nessie Bull and Mr. Wm. Turner.

Text above Chapel Windows—Arthur Herbert Buck, 1928.

Gospel and Epistle Lights—Mrs. J. Wallace Price, 1933.

Lamp over North Door—Junior W.A., 1933

Altar Frontal—Mrs. Mary Ann Willes, 1934.

Sanctuary Lamp—To the Rev. Canon Gale from a Parish in England.

In Memoriam

*"For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.*

Allclua!"

West Windows—St. John's War Memorial—Unveiled by Col. G. E. Sanders, D.S.O., and dedicated by the Rt. Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, January 14th, 1923.

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Arthur Brumby

Ernest Pearce

Clifford Hall

William A. Shergold

Cyril Hulme

Sam Wheatley

Ernest Whittaker

Chapel Windows—Presented by Miss Skelton: In loving memory of her brother, Bertie Skelton.

Cross on the High Altar—Presented by Mrs. Christiana Gertrude Richards: In loving memory of Marion Lloyd Richards, March 23rd, 1924, and John Griffith Richards, August 2nd, 1924.

Rood Screen and White Altar Hangings—Presented in 1920 by The Honourable Mable Fitzhardinge-Rose: In loving memory of her son, Captain Cyril Cookson, 17th Lancers, who died in India, 1919.

Processional Cross—Presented by his Mother in England: In loving memory of Percy Boarer, 1924.

Candle Sticks on the High Altar—Presented by Mrs. Margaret Louise Harvey: In loving memory of her Father, Thomas Horne Hedges, Oxford, England, 1919.

Chapel Altar—Presented by Ralph S. Kendall: In loving memory of his wife, Kate McLean Kendall.

Candle Sticks on Chapel Altar—Presented by Mrs. Margaret Louise Harvey: In loving memory of her son, Thomas Hedges Harvey, 1921.

Altar Rail in the Chapel—Presented by Miss F. Blackburn: In loving memory of Mary Ellen Blackburn.

Altar Book and Credence Table in the Chapel—Presented by Mr and Mrs. J. H. Jackson: In loving memory of Norman and Phyllis Jackson, Easter, 1925.

Baptismal Urn—Presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hornby: In loving memory of their son, John S. Hornby, August 10th, 1926.

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As a congregation we owe a great debt of gratitude to this aggregation of faithful and willing workers, some of whose years of service reach well into double figures. We do not always appreciate the generous way in which they give of their leisure, both in the preparation for and in the presentation of their contribution to our Worship. Whether we are in Church or not, there they are, ready to offer the Service of Worship in our name, and doing their part that our offering of Worship to Almighty God shall not fall short in His Temple. We surely owe it to them to show our appreciation of their work by being present as

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It must be almost unique in the annals of Church history that the Organist and Choirmaster at the opening Services of the present Church edifice in 1911 should be the same twenty-six years later. Mr. F. B. Cooper, A.R.C.O., has enjoyed a long and varied career in the musical profession in Calgary. Coming to St. John's first in September, 1911, he left in the summer of 1915 to join the army. Returning for six months in 1919, he then accepted the position of organist at St. Stephen's, Calgary. Finally, when Mr. Price left in 1934, Mr. Cooper returned again to St. John's. He played at his last Services in the Church on Sunday, November 7th, 1937. At that time the Vestry felt forced to employ, if possible, a voluntary organist, and were fortunate in securing services of Mr. Ernest A. Blick, who, though a member of the Pro-Cathedral, came to St. John's from his previous position as organist at Crescent Heights United Church, where he had served for over five years.



Ernest A. Blick

Miss Olga Brayne was for a period (1907-10) in the first St. John's Church the faithful and able organist. At that time two of her sisters were singing in the choir. At their regular meeting, June 14, 1910, the Vestry placed on record their "keen appreciation of the long and faithful services of Miss Olga Brayne in a position held entirely without salary or hope of reward." Others who have served at the new organ for varying periods since 1920 were Mr. H. E. Bloomfield, Mr. F. Kidgell, Mr. H. W. Reeder, Mr. E. J. Semmens, Mr. Clem Elliott, now organist at St. Michael's Church, Calgary, and Mr. W. Price, who did much valuable gratis work with the Choir and at the organ before his business firm moved him to England in 1934. Miss Elsie Paris has on many occasions very capably substituted at the organ, and we are pleased to be able to express here our appreciation of her willingness to help out at any time.

Mention should be made of the Junior Choir which was organized in the fall of 1936 with Mr. Wilfred Blair as Choirmaster and Miss Elsie Paris at the organ. Mr. Blair is to be congratulated upon the degree of success he has attained with these junior voices, notable achievements being their leading in the Christmas Day Choral Matins, 1936; their participation in the annual Christmas Carol Service, and their help on different occasions at Children's Services.

In 1912 there was installed the finest organ yet to be played anywhere in the Province. The organ was dedicated by Canon Gale on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1912, during a Choral Evensong at 8 p.m., at which the Sermon was preached by Canon Hogbin. At the close of this service Mr. F. B. Cooper, A.R.C.O., played a short organ recital, assisted by Mr. J. E. Williams as soloist. The enormous amount of debt involved (original cost \$7,000.00 plus interest, bringing it up to approximately \$15,000.00) was finally cleared up mainly through noble efforts on the part of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Women's Guild and their enterprise in serving meals at the annual Calgary Stampede and at the Diocesan Summer School in Banff. Today we are the proud possessors of an organ which adds immeasurably to the beauty of our services. Under contract is an expert organ-tuner, who, at an annual cost to the Parish of \$70.00, keeps this magnificent instrument in regular and good repair.

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The Missionary Society of the Canadian Church (M.S.C.C.) includes in its membership every baptized member of our Communion in the Dominion, and its duty is to carry out our Lord's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" by providing men and means to this end.

Without the assistance given by the women of the Church this branch of the Church's work, like many others, would be performed with the greatest difficulty. for, unfortunately, not all baptized members of the Church realize their individual responsibility in this regard. In order to make their work more effective the women of the Church organized a Society to assist definitely in this missionary duty of the Church, and the subsequent history of the missionary endeavors of our Canadian Church reveals clearly what a tremendous asset the Woman's Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C. has been. The W.A. has been rightly called "The Handmaid of the Church" and the aptness of this title will be fully appreciated by those who know the vast undertakings into which it has launched since its inception over fifty years ago.

It was Mrs. Tilton who, in 1885, was granted a vision of great "fields white unto harvest" and realized how much could be done at home through faithful prayer and work to aid those engaged in the ingathering of souls for Christ in the mission fields. Particularly was she impressed with the need of women missionaries to undertake work in the field who would be properly trained and equipped. Gathering round her six other Godly women she drew up, in consultation with them, the first Constitution of the W.A. Taking as their motto the words "The love of Christ constraineth us" and having as their aim the aiding and encouraging of missionaries they launched their project in faith and hope, and with great courage and self-denial labored to carry out their self-appointed task, and to interest others in its fulfillment. From this small beginning the Society has grown until now its numbers have reached close to 100,000, and the work for which they have made themselves responsible is vast and far-reaching.

The Dominion W.A. now supports and pays the salaries of all women missionaries, doctors and teachers engaged in the mission fields covered by the Canadian Church in India, China, Japan, Korea and South America, as well as paying the salaries of women workers in all the Indian schools conducted by the Church of England in Canada. This work is taken care of largely by what is known as the Dominion Pledge Fund, a fund made up of per capita contributions made by all branches in the Dominion according to the number of their paid-up members. This fund very clearly demonstrates the oft-repeated truth that if everyone helps a little the whole is easily done.

The badge of the W.A. is the Winchester Cross, originally the badge of the Knights Crusaders of Jerusalem, but which became known as the Maltese Cross when they settled in Malta. About the year 1100 a branch of the Knights of Jerusalem became protectors of the hospital of St. Cross on the outskirts of the Cathedral City of Winchester in England, and they and the hospital adopted the badge as their own, and it became known as the Winchester Cross, and was a token of the exalted aims of the Order of Knights who wore it, and a symbol of the unstinted service to needy humanity they always stood ready to render. To wear such a badge is an honor and a privilege to the members of the W.A., for it was chosen as the badge of the Society by the Foundress as typical of the work the W.A. is pledged to do for Christ and His Church.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was first formed in 1906 while the Parish was yet a Mission, under the supervision of the Mother Church of the Redeemer. The first officers were: President, Mrs. R. Sutor; Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Raymer; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Downing. The following is an extract from the first W.A. report, written on a scrap of paper, yellow with age, and found in an old record book: Immediately after organizing the ladies, "... went to work with a will and soon had the appearance of the Church transformed. It was painted outside and inside, electric light was installed, a bell purchased, curtains provided to screen the Vestry, and a green dossal hung on a brass rod. They bought a coal stove, and had a credence table put up, and from th's time altar and credence were always covered with a fine linen cloth. Mrs. Pearce gave a cross for the Altar, the Dean a white frontal, and Miss Hood a white dossal and super-frontal. In October, 1906, the congregation began to provide \$300 a year to the curates stipend. Solid silver communion vessels were given by the Dean and Mr. Ray. In March, 1907, Mr. Ray was pr'ested...". In response to an inquiry from the ladies, the Vestry, at a meeting on March 12th 1908, accepted the offer of assistance "with gratitude," and requested the W.A. to undertake the payment of the interest on the Rectory debt. In addition, besides meeting their Missionary pledge to the Diocese, the ladies purchased pews for the Church and an organ. It will be of interest to note that Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Wait were present at the Vestry meeting on January 14th, 1909, "to represent the W.A. and discussed with the Vestry various matters of common interest, such as the caretaking of the Church, the annual Missionary collection, and the substitution therefor of an extra Missionary envelope. Mrs. Pearce was asked and consented to procure a caretaker."

In later years, after the new Church was built, the W.A. assisted greatly in the payment of the mortgage on the property, the installation of the new organ in October, 1912, and in the general financial support of the Parish. After the organization of a Women's Guild in the Parish in 1912, the W.A. became less and less active and was disbanded when the Diocesan W.A. ceased to function (1919).

Then, on April 2nd, 1925, at a meeting called by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Gale, who urged the necessity of reorganizing a Branch of the W.A. in the Parish, the ladies unanimously adopted the following resolution, moved by Miss Annie Jones, and seconded by Miss Jean Fletcher: "That we form an association known as St. John's Woman's Auxiliary." In a very gallant gesture, the ladies then accepted a motion by Mrs. Lord, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, that the new organization begin completely afresh, without financial aid from any previous group or existing fund. The Officers elected at that meeting were: President, Mrs. Jowett; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. J. Dawson; Treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Harvey. Since that day the Branch has been most active, with an average membership of thirty-five.

The primary objectives of the Branch have always been the fulfillment of the Diocesan pledge of \$77.00, the clothing of an Indian boy in one of the Missionary Fields each year—\$35.00, membership affiliation with the Diocesan Board, and incidental appeals on behalf of the Church's Missionary work in and beyond the Diocese.

During the first five years after reorganizing the ladies' chief objective, from a Parish standpoint, was the clearance of outstanding debts on the Church property and organ. It proved to be a "back-breaking" task, and only after almost super-human efforts was their faithful endeavour crowned with great and good success. The minutes show the following splendid sums raised during those years: 1925, \$900.00; 1926, \$1,100.00; 1927, \$1,345.76; 1928, \$1,698.69.

In 1929, by catering for meals at the Bonspiel and at the Diocesan Summer School, by means of bazaars and a great Harvest Thanksgiving Supper, the magnificent total of \$1,778.50 was raised, the whole debt cleared, and their objective finally attained. Without detracting in any way from the contribution which every lady made to this outstanding achievement, mention might be made of the President for that year, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, and the Social Service Secretary, Mrs. J. Johnson, the former of whom, the Minutes show, acted as Convenor for the

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A very valuable piece of work has been done quietly and yet effectively and continuously through the years by the Visiting Committees of the Branch, and in the field of Social Service, in which Mrs. E. Hirst has taken a prominent part. This constant visitation by the ladies of the sick, the stranger, the newcomer and those in need, has been of inestimable aid to the Rector of the Parish in his pastoral work. It presents a record of activity deserving of the highest praise.

Through the "lean years" since 1929, the W.A. have never relaxed their faithful efforts to fulfil their Missionary obligations and to contribute substantially to the support of the Parish. During that time of stress and strain, Mrs. P. A. Hunter acted as President continuously for six years; Mrs. Wm. McIntosh has completed nine years of service in the office of Treasurer, and Mrs. A. H. Buck has served the Branch as Secretary since 1932. Mrs. J. Dawson filled the office of Secretary during the years 1925-7 and 1930-31. The Presidents and their terms of office since 1925 are as follows: Mrs. Jowett, 1925-7; Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 1928-9; Mrs. P. A. Hunter, 1930-35, and Mrs. Geo. Newby, 1936-8. A charter member of this Branch, Mrs. A. E. Cross, has been since February, 1929, Diocesan President of the W.A.

JUNIOR W.A.

The Junior W.A. was first established in the Parish under the leadership of Mrs. Geo. A. Ray, the wife of the first Rector, in 1908. Mrs. Reg. Harvey assumed the leadership in 1910, assisted by Mrs. P. Barton. In October, 1911, the Junior W.A. donated for use in the new Church a beautiful pair of silver cruets and a silver wafer box. In 1913 the Honourable Mable Fitzhardinge-Rose took over the responsibility of this organization, with the assistance of Miss Elsie Brayne. Thereafter the work continued under the guidance of Mrs. Bond, Mrs. J. Soady and Miss F. M. Greer successively. For many years St. John's had one of the finest branches of the Junior W.A. in the Diocese. This achievement was mainly due to the leadership of Mrs. G. E. Gale, the wife of the second Rector. Under her guidance the Junior W.A. was responsible for placing the "Dean Paget Memorial Fund" where it now stands. After Mrs. Gale's departure, Mrs. Haley and Mrs. Newby carried on for a few months. Since coming to the Parish, Mrs. J. B. Thomas acted for a short time, to be succeeded by Mrs. C. Cowlin, and then, Miss Eileen Paris, who today works faithfully and well with the girls.

GIRLS' W.A.

A Girls' Branch of the W.A. was organized in the Parish in the Fall of 1934 under the able leadership of Mrs. W. Paris. Under her guidance the girls accomplished a great deal, whilst enjoying many happy hours together. At the end of 1935, Mrs. Paris was forced through illness to relinquish her office and Mrs. A. H. Buck very kindly assumed the responsibility until the close of 1936. At present a new group of girls, whom we hope will become affiliated as a Branch of the W.A., are meeting weekly at the home of Mrs. C. Cowlin.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

During the years 1912 and 1913 a great deal of the efforts of the W.A. were devoted to the purposes normally pursued by a Parish Guild. This was mainly due to the overwhelming liabilities accruing on account of the building of the new Church, the installation of a new organ, and general extension of the work and responsibilities of the Parish. In 1914 a Women's Guild was organized in the Parish, with Mrs. Magnus Brown as the first President, and Mrs. Carson Bradley as Secretary-Treasurer. The reports of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Women's

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday School was organized by the first Rector, the Rev. Geo. A. Ray, during the first year of his residence in the Parish, 1908. The Teachers who assisted him at that time were: Mrs. P. Barton and Mr. Bert Stagg with the boys; and with the girls, Mrs. Reg. Harvey and Miss Elsie Brayne, the latter of whom also acted as organist for the School. When the second Rector, the Rev. G. E. Gale, arrived in the autumn of 1910, the Sunday School was an established institution in the Parish.

About that time Mr. Carson Bradley became the first Sunday School Superintendent, and continued as such for many years of faithful and successful service. Many children grew up spiritually under his supervision, and he left in 1922 only to take up the burden of a Young Men's Bible Class at the Pro-Cathedral, which he is still leading today. He has kindly sent in some of the names, as he recalls them, of those who were on the staff of St. John's Sunday School in its earlier days. They follow: Mrs. A. Anderson (deceased), Mrs. J. C. Fewkes, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Bradley, Mr. Hulme, Mrs. Bert Stagg, Mr. Wm. J. Steel, Mr. H. Hilting, Sr., Mr. Frank Nicholson (deceased), Messrs. Stewart Bradley, Jr., Geoff. and Phil Dover (Mr. Geoff. Dover is now the General Manager of the Calgary Brewing and Malting Co., Ltd., in East Calgary, and a very good friend of the Parish), Tom Brown, Hugh Wilson, Norman Wait, Morgan and Harris; the Misses D. Brayne, Dorothy Corderoy, Helen Wilson, Florence Blackburn, Lucy, Bessie and May Bromby, Annie Williams, Ileen and Emily Tombe, Florence Greer and Miss Bennett, now the wife of the Rev. Lonsdale, of Banff.

Intensive work was carried on in the first St. John's building, but with the exception of the Rev. G. A. Ray's Bible Class, only as an ungraded school: until after its removal to the new St. John's Church building late in 1912, when it became a school of three grades, namely, Bible Classes, Intermediate and Primary Departments. At that time there was a staff of seventeen teachers and officers—mostly young men and women—continuing and accomplishing most effective work till about the year 1917, when, like other institutions, it was seriously affected by the withdrawal of young men who enlisted for overseas service, some of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

After the war, owing largely to the scarcity of competent teachers and under a new policy originated by the Rector, the School was organized into Instruction Classes, capably conducted by Canon Gale, and a Primary Department, under the supervision of Mrs. Hulme. In this way at the hands of the Rector through the years the children of St. John's received a thorough drilling in Church doctrine and Bible Truth, with results which have become known far beyond the confines of the Parish. Canon Gale for years also successfully conducted a week-day Instruction Class, which supplemented and enlarged the work done on Sundays. Many young men and women of the Parish and Community today can look back with hearty thanksgiving to the years of good groundwork in the essentials of

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religious instruction which they received in those week-day sessions. This work the present Rector is continuing, with every effort to maintain the traditions and standards of his predecessor.

Mrs. Hulme has for 25 years faithfully served the Parish as teacher and Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School. Assisted for a short time in 1936 by Miss Elsie Paris, and since then by Mrs. C. Duthie, she continues still to give to the tiny tots the benefit of her years of experience and sympathetic understanding of their needs.

Under the regime of the present Rector, the work of the Sunday School has again been placed in the hands of a full staff of Teachers. During 1935-6, Mr. Wm. J. Steel acted as Superintendent, ably assisted by his son Gerald in the capacity of secretary-treasurer. Thus gratefully relieved of the responsibility, the Rector conducted a Young People's Bible Class. Owing to pressure of work, Mr. Steel was unable to continue and during the last session the Rector took over the duties of superintendent, only to be increasingly relieved by the noble work of Mr. Geoffrey Paris who, first as secretary, and latterly as Superintendent, has been largely instrumental in the success of much reorganization and advancement in this supremely important department of the Church's work. Resurrecting an old lantern, and, through an appeal for hymn slides, accomplishing immeasurably the improvement of the singing and services of the Sunday School, is a typical example of his devoted zeal in discharging the duties of his office. In this he has been ably and faithfully assisted by Miss Jean McIntosh at the ancient and rather retractable reed organ.

A notable event in the history of the School deserves mention, for it speaks well not only for the magnificent work among children for which Canon Gale was so well noted, but also for the capable and earnest efforts of the present staff of teachers. At the Sunday School Examinations, held on May 1st, 1937, which are conducted each year by the General Board of Religious Education of our Church, and are Dominion-wide, St. Johns Sunday School led the Diocese of Calgary by taking the first two places in the Senior Division—Eleanor Cuthiel and Mary McIntosh each attaining the splendid mark of 86—and the first five places in the Junior Division, where Dorothy Williams gained the truly outstanding percentage of 92. This mark won an R.T.S. award from England.

We should like to be able to speak individually of all the teachers in our school, but space is limited, and we can only express our appreciation of their loyal and constant service, knowing that they are giving their best effort, as well as their time and talents to this vitally important work.

The present staff of teachers includes: Superintendent, Mr. Geoffrey Paris; Assistants, Mr. Arthur Buck, Jr., and Mr. Raymond Bibby. Boys' Bible Class: Mr. Wilfred Blair. Main School: Miss Eileen Paris, Mrs. T. Paxton, Mrs. W. McIntosh, Miss Jean McIntosh, Mr. Ted Gies, Miss Mary Marsh, Miss Mabel Anderson. Primary Department: Mrs. E. Hulme and Mrs. C. Duthie.

During the past two years the following have served for varying terms: Miss Alice Anderson, Miss Margaret Cuthiel, Mr. H. Hilling, Sr., Mr. B. Hilling, Jr., Mrs. A. H. Buck and Mrs. C. Cowlin. Mr. L. Gale, a son of Canon G. E. Gale, has kindly substituted on many occasions.

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ALTAR GUILD

An Altar Guild was organized in the Parish in January, 1923, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Millen, whose faithful endeavour with the girls continued without interruption until she left the Parish in 1928. At the first meeting, Miss Lena Lord was elected Secretary, and served as such until the Annual Meeting in November, 1924, when the members of a girls' club in the Parish called "The Girls' Own" were admitted into the Altar Guild, and one of the number, Miss Annie Williams, was elected Secretary of the Guild. In that office she served faithfully and well until the organization disbanded in 1928. Meetings of the Guild were held regularly, and the minutes show a great deal of activity and worthwhile effort under the inspiration and guidance of Mrs. Millen. On Friday nights the girls swept the Church and cleaned all the brasses, while Mrs. Millen on Saturday mornings attended to the altar. Among the members of this Guild through the years we find: Martha Tombe (Treasurer for a time), Beatrice Scaife, Mabel Bealng, Jean and Valentine Marsh, Leila Lord, Eva and Irene Carrington, Ruth Whittle, Margaret Harvey, Kathryn Gale and Nessie Bull.

When the Altar Guild ceased to function in 1928, Mrs. F. E. Harvey and Mrs. Bond assumed the sacred responsibility of their work in the Church. During their regime the kneelers in the pews were recovered and cupboards built in the Vestry. Mrs. Harvey left the Parish in 1931, while Mrs. Bond was forced to retire through ill-health.

Today, three faithful women of the congregation—Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, Mrs. A. H. Buck and Mrs. G. H. Wait—quietly execute the duties of an Altar Guild. Despite the fact that there is no organization of that name in the Parish, the work is done, and done efficiently, in a humble spirit of service by the ladies named above. They are primarily responsible for the care of the furnishings, of our Altar and Sanctuary, but their duties extend beyond. Every Friday morning, without fail, the first two named thoroughly clean and dust the chancel and Sanctuary, change the Altar hangings with the changing Church Seasons, prepare the sacred vessels and linen for the Blessed Sacrament, and generally see that all things are kept decently and in order. Their's is a quiet work, carried out solely in honour of our Lord, receiving little recognition at the hands of the congregation. Nor do the ladies seek any such recognition, for there is a joy in their task which far exceeds any human appreciation of their devoted and valuable work, in that they are ministering to our Lord Himself as they make provision for the reverent performance of that Sacred Rite in which we carry out His last command, and show forth His Death till He come.

No one who has noticed the spotless purity of our Altar Linen, the bright shining of our Communion Vessels and Altar Brasses, or the immaculate neatness of our Sanctuary can fail to be impressed with the care and effort which must have been expended through the years in this labour of love.

An important duty undertaken by these ladies, and one in which they seek the co-operation of the congregation, is the provision of flowers for the Altar. They earnestly invite members of the congregation to adopt this fitting way of returning thanks to God for blessings received, or of remembering those who have passed on into the rest of Paradise. Any Sunday will be gladly reserved for anyone who may wish to give flowers for the Altar.

Through all the years the work of the ladies in the care of the Church has been one from which the whole congregation has benefitted continually and is entirely deserving of our gratitude, our sympathy and our practical support, wherever possible, or whenever it is asked of us.

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OBSERVATIONS BY THE PEOPLE'S WARDEN

As your Warden, my chief concern is with the present and future welfare of the Church, and its responsibility to the community. Such being my concern, I feel also that it is the concern of all our members, therefore I am happy to relate, through the medium of this Book, actions done and proposed.

I was not long in office before I realized that much work had to be done if anything extraordinary was to be accomplished during my term of office.

We commenced the year with approximately a \$500.00 deficit, which is not great for a live Church, and still not too large to be cleared off in one year by a congregation having the welfare of the Church at heart.

Having no parishioners who we might call upon to clear our debt, your Vestry had to strike out boldly with a vigorous program in an effort to meet our obligations by the end of 1937.

My associates on the Vestry are working in full harmony; our meetings have always been a source of pleasure and inspiration to our Rector.

The personnel of 1937 Vestry is as follows:

Rector's Warden:

G. H. Wait

People's Warden:

M. Turner

Vestrymen:

Wm. J. Steel, H. Hilling, A. Scaife, O. Goodwin, J. Soady, C. Newby, E. J. Dean, H. Whitaker, A. H. Buck, J. Johnson.

Honorary Vestryman:

S. H. Gilbert

Vestry Clerk:

L. Gale

Associate Sidesmen:

A. Shelton, J. Maxwell, J. Hilling, G. Paris, G. Steel, E. Giles.

The new year ushered in a new vision. Our people appeared to have gained greater confidence in the future, and were ready to venture wherever opportunity presented itself for service. Having now put our hands to the plough, we would not dare turn back.

To our Young People, I would like to remind them that the Vestry is solidly behind them in all their endeavors. If they are definitely sure that a Young People's organization is a need, it is first of all up to them to pool their resources and "Get out and work for its success." Realizing that, "The more they put into it, the more they get out." Here's wishing for success of the St. John's Branch A.Y.P.A. in carrying out its fourfold program.

"The Church functions only as its members respond to its call." Certain obligations have to be met that must come only through donations and contributions. Easter and Harvest are two great seasons when the opportunity of supplementing ordinary giving is ours. Unfortunately these special collections must be used to cover debts created in off seasons, and therefore little is seen of the generous gifts by some of our parishioners at these times. Easter collections are generally taken up to offset high gas and light bills that have accumulated during the winter months, when the weather is too cold and boisterous for us to venture out. Harvest Thanksgiving to cover the deficit arising from our people finding the weather too nice and warm to go to Church. From my experience this does not apply only to St. John's Church.

WHAT IS YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHURCH'S WORK

It is estimated that it takes approximately \$70.00 per week to carry on the work of our Church properly.

Our troubles would be soon at a minimum if every one did his or her bit. We have about 140 families on our Parish list.

If 70 families could give \$1.00 per week our obligations would be met.

or

If 140 families could give .50 per week our obligations would be met.

or

If 280 persons would give .25 per week our obligations would be met.

Without going further, it is easy to see that if we did our share we would need no Fair propositions, no Special Appeals for money, and it would be a pleasure for Church Officers to carry on. Things would work in harmony, and all our members could enjoy the Church's Services to the full.

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- (1) That our members be more sympathetic towards the general welfare of the Church's work in our community.
- (2) That missionary work in our Parish be extended with a view to increasing the spirit of Church conscientiousness, and our membership.
- (3) That individual interest and witness should be aroused by personal attendance at all services as much as possible.
- (4) That our members will make visitors welcome.

CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

We have property assets of several thousands of dollars and it becomes quite a problem to your officers as to which of the many repairs needed shall be done first.

The "Q" Club was first initiated by my predecessor in office, Mr. J. McIntosh, two years ago, when, I presume, he was at his wit's end as to how to meet emergencies.

I have carried on this "Q Club for Men", as I do not know what we would do without it under present circumstances. It is increasing in popularity. It is very necessary that all our men should be members of this organization.

I regret to state that two members of the Club, Mr. Holloway and Mr. Nicholson, passed from our midst this year.

It is a club that never meets. Each man is asked to contribute \$1.00 per quarter year. Acknowledgment is officially made, and at the end of the year each member will be given a statement showing what these small contributions when put together can do to keep up property maintenance.

I trust that every man in the Parish will see his way clear to subscribe in the near future.

Your Vestry approved of the following program for 1937:

1. To wipe off all our indebtedness in 1937.
2. To work by budget and balance it.
3. To repair and oil the roof of the Church.
4. To re-decorate the interior.
5. To complete the Dean Paget Memorial.
6. To increase the remuneration of the Rector.
7. To give the Choir necessary requisites.
8. To obtain a number of new prayer books for general use.
9. To erect a notice board.
10. To improve the Church grounds.
11. To survey all the Church property, assess its value, and report its condition to the General Meeting for the information of 1938 Vestry.

You will agree that this was an attempt to cover an extensive program. However, during the first six months work was done on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The roof has been oiled, and exterior basement walls washed with cement.

Work is now under way to complete the Dean Paget Memorial Window. It is hoped that this will be installed in the near future.

The Rector has received an increase of \$10.00 per month.

The Choir has been given several new surplices, etc.

Fifty new prayer books have been obtained for general use.

The Church grounds have all been gone over, grass has been sown on bare spots and a boulevard extending some two hundred feet has been constructed and seeded, while several trees have been planted, and a cement approach to the Church has been built.

In conclusion, I trust my article and the material I have presented to you has not been too boring, but that it is just what you have wanted to know, even if it does deal so much with the monetary side of our Church life.

Let me take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Rector, Rector's Warden, and all my confreres on the Vestry, to all those men and women who have volunteered their many services, to the donors of other gifts, which have contributed so largely in making my work a source of great pleasure.

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A. Y. P. A.

It is difficult to obtain much definite information regarding the early history of the Anglican Young People's Association in the Parish, but we do know that for many years during and just after the War there was a great deal of activity in young people's work. A football team from St. John's at that time gained a considerable degree of success in city competition. Mr. Turner, the present People's Warden, remembers many happy and successful evenings spent in St. John's Parish Hall under the auspices of the A.Y.P.A. Particularly does he recall the programme in 1923 which proved to be an eventful year. Mr. C. Riddock donated the Blyth Hall for a send off with a New Year's Dance at which 400 were present. So happily and successfully inaugurated, the features of the year's programme which followed included a Hard-Time Social, Masquerade Balls, Concerts, Sleigh rides, Debates, and Musical Evenings. Mrs. M. Tombe and Mrs. T. E. Hughes were the ticket sellers of the day, each being good for the sale of 100 tickets for any event.

On his return from Overseas Mr. Cecil Faggetter was elected President of the then existing Young People's Society. Mr. H. W. Reeder organized the first Branch of the A.Y.P.A. in the Parish and obtained the Charter No. 368 which is now hanging in the Vestry and is dated October 18, 1923. Other past Presidents of the A.Y.P.A. are: Morley Turner, Kenneth Lancaster, W. Williams, Allan Gale and Albert Scaife.

After a lapse of some years the Branch was reorganized in the fall of 1934 on the initiative of the Rector, Canon Gale, and under the presidency of Gerald Steel. After a fairly successful Season the organization lapsed again in 1935 and was revived in the fall of 1936 by the new Rector, the Rev. J. B. Thomas. He was only enabled to do this through the generous offer of assistance, as first President of the Branch, on the part of Mr. Wilfred Blair, who came to the Parish as a branch organizer from the Calgary local Council of the A.Y.P.A. The young people in St. John's today owe much to the devoted efforts of Mr. Blair, who, at a cost to himself of an immense expenditure of time, talents, and energy, placed the St. John's Branch of the A.Y.P.A. on a sound and what we hope will prove to be an enduring foundation.

After a probation period for all members covering the first two months of the Fall of 1937, during which an encouraging degree of success was attained, officers were elected on Tuesday, November 9th, and installed in their new offices at a special Young People's Service at Evensong, Sunday, November 21st, 1937: President; Ted Giles; Vice-President, Lawrence Ibbott; Secretary, Mabel Anderson; Treasurer, Wilfred Wood. Executive members are: Albert Scaife, Elsie Paris, and Gerald Steel. For the planning and execution of programmes the organization was divided into three Groups under the leadership of Hettie Nutt, Brenda Turner and Patricia Howe. The Branch is now in the midst of a healthy and happy Season of Activity with substantial signs of growth and ever increasing success. A special Young People's Service is held at Evensong on the second Sunday of every Month. May all members ever be reminded of their splendid motto: "For Christ and His Church."

SOCCER FOOTBALL.

1921 and 1922 were two outstanding years in Soccer Football history in Calgary. St. John's Team was a finalist in the Charity Cup, McLeod Cup, City Intermediate League, Uren Cup, and winners of "B" Section in the league. Our parishioners were real supporters: Hon. Pres., Rev. Canon Gale; Hon. Vice-Presidents were: Messrs. P. Barton, A. E. Cross, V. B. Graveley, R. P. Costello, C. Bradley. President, Skene Graham; Vice-President, H. Hilling; Secretary, M. Turner; Manager, Joe Sexton. Committee: H. Horwell, F. Bufton, G. Sales, A. H. Buck, W. J. Steel. Trainers, J. Drabble and C. Faggetter. Players: J. Scaife (Captain both years), W. S. Walker, T. Grant, N. VanDenBrock, H. Strickland, J. Wright, A. Haigh, Alec Watson, F. Motyer, J. Wilson, H. Howard, G. Wensink, E. T. Girling, R. V. Tombe, G. Bradley, W. Lord, E. W. Thomas, J. Kirkwood, G. Dawson, H. Harlow, C. Duthie. Club Members; I. D. Griffiths, J. H. Bradshaw, J. Millen, W. M. Turner, W. J. Barrett, F. Staggs, T. Mullen, G. Walls, Messrs. Smith and Potter. Mr. P. Barton donated league footballs, and Mr. S. Walker granted a football field, on the Colonel Walker estate. Can you recall the following St. John's had in those days? Mothers, Wives, Sweethearts, Sisters and Brothers came out in full force. "Soccer gossip" in the Herald reported, "The strange noises heard down East Calgary way are the lady fans of St. John's team practicing their rah-rahs for the final games."

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SCOUTING IN ST. JOHN'S

Scouting has always been a major activity in boys' work in the Parish. The Church has keenly supported the Movement in every way. It has furnished headquarters, light and heat, and even financial assistance at times, and has sponsored a Troop that has always been held in high esteem among the great brotherhood of Scouts. Prior to 1916 a very strong Troop was organized and flourished for some years under the able leadership of Mr. A. G. Stagg. Information regarding those early years we have found almost impossible to obtain, but we understand that the 9th Troop in St. John's, under Mr Stagg, had an approximate membership of 140 boys, and much good work was done.

1916-1924 - By WM. J. STEEL

At the time I first came to St. John's there was no activity in boys' work. I was encouraged by Mr. Carson Bradley, then Superintendent of the Sunday School, to take up some work among the boys. It was thought inadvisable at that time to start a Troop of Boy Scouts, so I organized a Senior and Junior Boys' Club. The ranks of the Senior Club were soon depleted, as most of its members went overseas, among whom was Cyril Hulme, who paid the supreme sacrifice and never returned. The Junior Club, however, grew and flourished. The boys were keen for scouting, and after some consideration it was decided to turn the whole Club into a Troop. Four patrol leaders were first trained, viz., Winton Gale, Melvin Gale, Geo. Bradley and Dowie Richards. A month or so later the whole Troop was organized as the 9th Troop, with myself as Scoutmaster and Mr. Fred Gilbert as assistant. Mrs. W. J. Steel made and presented the Troop with its King's colors, and Mrs. Hill's presented the Troop colors. The Troop, with an average strength of 33, continued to maintain a high standard of efficiency. During the last years of the war the Troop assisted in all work assigned to the Boy Scouts by the government and civic authorities. The first two camps were held in conjunction with the 2nd Christ Church Troop under Canon Horne. The first camp held by the Troop alone was at the Weasel Head Bridge on the Sarcee Reserve. Both Scouts and Cubs participated. Among those present that the writer can remember were: Melvin, Winton, Fred, Herbert and Leonard Gale, Trevor Jebson, A. Gates, Geo. Bradley and Beverley Snyder. Among the Cubs were: Ernie and Bob Hilling, the Marsh boys, Gerald Steel and Harold Coleman. The last camp was held at the great camp at Kananaskis, eight miles from Seebe, when Col. Parkes was Commissioner. A Rover Crew had been formed just prior to this, W. J. Steel, Reg. Jackson, Ed. Downhard and Ernie Steel being among its members. Several of these went as pioneers to clear a way into the camp site at Kananaskis.

The Troop attended many functions and rallies during this eight-year period. It was inspected in conjunction with other Troops by the Prince of Wales, the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, and the Hon. R. B. Bennett. It participated in the first great jamboree when the Chief Scout first visited Calgary, in all the field days, sports and swimming galas held, and succeeded in winning the District Shield in 1924. At this time an effort was made to make it a closed Troop. Owing to circumstances at this particular time, I felt, with many regrets, that it was necessary for me to resign. Mr. Leslie, who was District Secretary during the war period, took over the Troop, and after continuing for a while, it disbanded. Mr. Leslie, who had been in ill-health, passed away. During his time one camp was held at Weasel Head Bridge. I would like to pay tribute here to Mr. Leslie for his efforts in carrying on the work at St. John's.

As I look back over the years of scouting in St. John's, I feel a great deal of pride, joy and satisfaction, especially when some of the old boys call on me and talk of the old days. Most of them have appreciated their training in Scouting. My only regrets are that some of them are not in scouting today, giving back to the boys of today some of the scouting they learned in the yesterday. My hope for today and the future is that St. John's will always sponsor a troop that will be efficient and continue to take its part in this Great Brotherhood whose influence is spread all over the world.

THE MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

It is reasonably safe to say that the average Parishioners' Annual Meeting, on receiving a financial statement showing that the running expenses for the year have all been met, feels that all is well and commences the new financial year in the hope that things will not be worse.

A writer in The Church Times disturbs this equanimity by the challenging statement that such a financial statement, unless it shows a provision for the maintenance of the Church property, should not be accepted by the parishioners without protest.

The maintenance of the property, including fire insurance, should be provided for by an annual payment to a fund specially set up for the purpose, and the regular annual payments to this fund should be treated in the same way as other regular expenses, and be shown on the financial statement either as paid or outstanding.

St. John's Church has endeavored to meet this criticism by the formation of the "Q" Club, of which every man in the Parish is invited to be a member and to agree to make a quarterly payment of one dollar, earmarked for property repairs and insurance.

The result to date has been somewhat less than the situation demands, but it is an advance in the right direction, and further progress may be anticipated.

"Q" Club—the Club that never meets.

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DAYS OF REAL SPORT

DO YOU REMEMBER:

When the rifle range was in the Church Basement.—Among the best shots were Carmen Bradley, Herbert Buck, Frank Bufton, the Gale boys Melvin, Allan and Fred, and Joe Sexton. What a time was had with the 1,000 rounds of ammunition donated by the late Mr. Skene Graham!

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SCOUTING (Continued)

1934-1938

No effort was made to reorganize the Troop until the spring of 1934. The old 9th Troop number had been given to the Sarcee Indian Troop, so the new Troop and Cub Pack were numbered 25, more particularly in honour of the 25 years' service which Canon Gale had given to this Parish. Mr. Ellis, late of the 4th Elks Troop, became Scoutmaster, assisted by Riley Bracken. Gerald Steel, who had been a cub in the old 9th Pack, became Cubmaster of the new 25th Pack. This year saw the coming of the Chief Scout again, and a St. John's Troop was again able to take part in that great event.

On the retirement last fall (1937) of Mr. Ellis, S.M., Riley Bracken, A.S.M., and Gerald Steel, A.S.M., Mr. Bob Hume, late S.M. of the Elks Troop, was sent down from Headquarters to take temporary charge. He was assisted by Mr. Tom Baines. Mr. Jimmie Hilling from the Parish began preparing to take full charge, which he did, having received his warrant, just before Christmas. He is now assisted by Mr. O. L. Foster, of the Pro-Cathedral Rover Crew. Mrs. Williams and Leonard Sykes are very successfully running the Cub Pack. The officers of the Group Committee are: President, Mr. H. Burleigh; Secretary, Mr. C. Duthie, and Social Convenor, Mrs. York Shaw. Much credit is due Mrs. John Dawson for her untiring efforts in behalf of the Troop as Secretary of the Group Committee from the time the Troop was reorganized under Mr. Ellis until last Fall.

THE LEAN YEARS - 1930-34

The following outline is written not for the purpose of dwelling on an unpleasant experience, but because the Lean Years provided some striking examples of the wind being tempered for the shorn lamb.

The Parish of St. John's was extremely fortunate in starting the Lean Years with no capital debt.

What had to be provided was the running expenses, and these on a very modest scale.

There was very little margin for retrenchment, but it was, step by step, all taken up.

The rapidly falling income made some drastic economies imperative, and it was soon found necessary to dispense with the services of the salaried organist and caretaker.

The Vestry, greatly daring, decided that the music would have to be provided by an honorary organist and the church cleaning carried out by themselves. In this latter they were strongly opposed by the caretaker, Mr. S. H. Gilbert, who declined to permit amateurs to carry out his duties, and insisted on assuming the duties of Honorary Janitor. It is pleasant to record that the ladies of the W.A. were able to make small but regular monthly payments as an honorarium to Mr. Gilbert and that the Parish was able to arrange that Mr. Gilbert enjoy his annual visit to Victoria, B.C.

In the matter of the organist the situation was more than saved by Canon Gale securing the honorary services of a skilled and talented organist in the person of Mr. Wallace Price, who for two and a half years served the Parish faithfully and well. The musical services of the Church were raised to a very high level by Mr. Price before Business called him to the United States and later to England.

It is to be regretted that the reduction in the stipend that was finally forced on the Vestry had to be borne by an old and faithful servant of the Church at the end of nearly twenty-five years' devoted service in the Parish.

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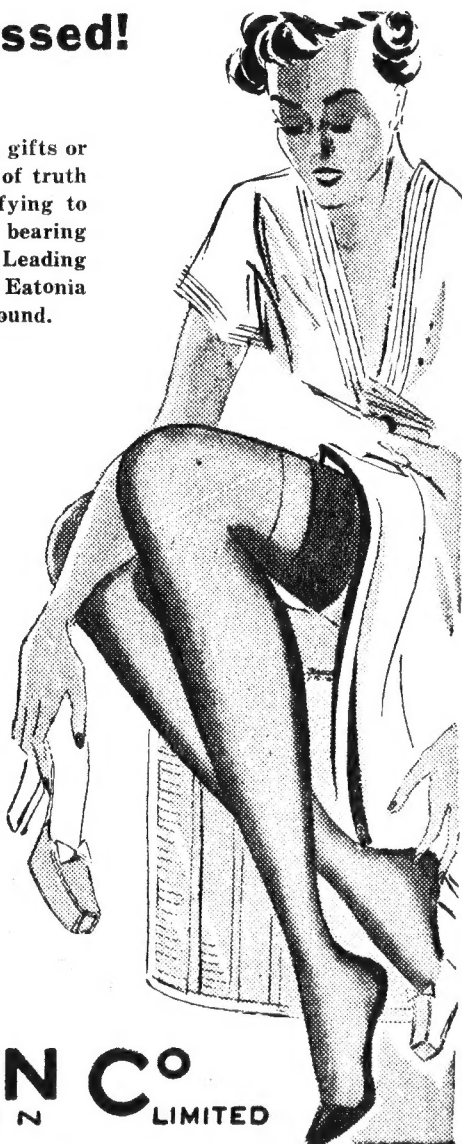
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